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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION ACTION

In response to the Official Action dated September 30, 2004, wherein the Examiner has required an election of claims, Applicants hereby elects, with traverse,

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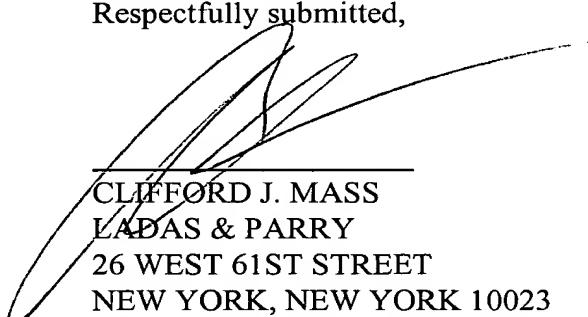
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to prosecute in the present application the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1 - 5. The election is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claim.

The requirement is respectfully traversed insofar as the Examiner has not met the USPTO burden of providing an example of a materially different process with which the claimed product can be used. The Examiner has referred only generally to cloning assays, gene therapy and transfection assays, but has not referred to any specific process steps that would enable Applicants to determine whether a proposed alternative process is materially different from the process claimed.

Applicant has complied with the sole requirement in the Official Action and now respectfully requests an action on the merits of at least the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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